

REMARKS

The specification is amended to add a claim to priority to provisional patent application number 60/491,521, the application number for which was not known at the time the present application was filed. Further, as a result of this amendment a total of twenty-five (25) claims are pending in the application. Claims 24-25 are new and Claims 1-23 are original.

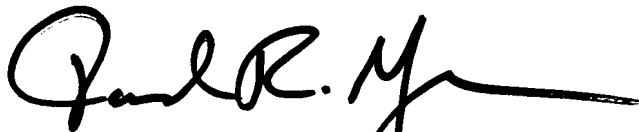
Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the Group II Claims 8-23 with traverse. Applicant also believes that new Claim 25, which depends from Claim 8, should be included in the Group II claims and examined at this time.

The claims in the application are separated into two groups and are characterized as being directed to inventions that are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. In accordance with MPEP § 806.05(d), such a "restriction is only proper when there would be a serious burden if restriction were not required, as evidenced by separate classification, status, or field of such. In the present case, no issue of serious burden is presented as a result of the addition of linking claims 24 and 25. New Claim 25 depends from elected Claim 8 and therefore should be examined. New Claim 25 adds the subject matter recited in Claim 1 to that recited in Claim 8. Accordingly, in order to properly examine Claim 25, the search will necessarily cover the subject matter recited in Claim 1. Furthermore, there is no indication that the inventions of Group I and II will be separately classified. Accordingly, there is no reason to maintain the restriction requirement, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement is respectfully requested.

Should the Office believe anything further is required to place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

A one-month extension of time fee and the fee for two additional dependent claims is believed to be required for consideration of the present response. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a one-month extension of time, the fee for two additional dependent claims, and any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 03-2469. Moreover, if the deposit account contains insufficient funds, the Director is hereby invited to contact the undersigned to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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